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FOR AMB SPIERS AND STONE

FOL RPT USUN 01595 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 21 APR 78

QUOTE: S E C R E T USUN NEW YORK 01595

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM AND URQUHART APRIL 20,
AMBASSADOR LEONARD FOUND THEM BOTH EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC
ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. WALDHEIM
CONFIDED THAT IN A ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU
THE LATTER HAD TOLD HIM QUITE PLAINLY THAT IF WALDHEIM

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CONVENES INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS KYPRIANOU WILL NOT
REPEAT NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. THIS INFORMATION IS
OBVIOUSLY VERY SENSITIVE; IN FACT, URQUHART APPEARED TO
BE UNAWARE OF IT, THOUGH NOT SURPRISED, WHEN LEONARD
REPEATED WALDHEIM'S REMARK. NEITHER URQUHART NOR
WALDHEIM SEE ANYTHING THAT THE UN CAN DO AT THIS
STAGE TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL APPRECIATE

ANY COUNSEL THE SECRETARY AND THE DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER.

2. ON APRIL 21 ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES DISCUSSED CYPRUS WITH WALDHEIM --DETAILS FOLLOW SEPTTEL-- AND THE SYG PRESENTED TO MAYNES THE FOLLOWING QUOTED LETTER TO THE SECRETARY CONFIRMING KYPRIANOU'S EXTREMELY NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH PROPOSAL.

3. QUOTE: DEAR CY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF APRIL 19TH, WHICH I RECEIVED ON MY RETURN TO NEW YORK ON THE EVENING OF THAT DAY. PARA. YOU WILL, I AM SURE, ALREADY HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENTS OVER CYPRUS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. AFTER THREE VERY DIFFICULT MEETINGS WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA, I GAVE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU DURING A STOP-OVER IN NICOSIA ON MY WAY BACK FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO NEW YORK ON 19 APRIL. AS I HAD ANTICIPATED, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S REACTION WAS EXTREMELY NEGATIVE TO BOTH THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS, AND YOU WILL CERTAINLY HAVE SEEN WHAT HE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THEM PUBLICLY. KYPRIANOU COMPLETELY REJECTED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, BUT I AGREED WITH HIM THAT IN MY OWN STATEMENTS I WOULD SAY THAT I WOULD REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH THE PARTIES AND WOULD BE CONSIDERING FURTHER STEPS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THIS
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AVOIDED THE IMPRESSION OF A TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. PARA. QUITE FRANKLY, I VERY MUCH DOUBT THE USEFULNESS OF CONVENING ANOTHER SESSION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BOTH SIDES ARE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS OVER THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY, THAT THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATION OF A SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS HAS BECOME ALMOST A SECONDARY PROBLEM. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE EITHER REALISTIC OR PRODUCTIVE TO HAVE A NEW ROUND OF TALKS AT THE PRESENT TIME. IN FACT, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU INFORMED ME CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IF I WERE TO SUMMON ANOTHER ROUND, HE WOULD NOT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. PARA. MY INTENTION, THEREFORE, IS TO LET THE DUST SETTLE FOR A FEW DAYS AND TO SEE WHAT THE FINAL POSITIONS OF THE TWO SIDES ARE NOW THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN TABLED. BY THAT TIME, MY NEW SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS, MR. GALINDO POHL, WILL HAVE TAKEN UP HIS DUTIES, AND I WOULD INSTRUCT HIM WITH THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL HELP, TO STUDY VERY CAREFULLY THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS, AND TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH BOTH SIDES ANY POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH THEY

CAN BE AMENDED SO AS TO FORM AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATIONS. AS REGARDS THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM, I
DOUBT WHETHER THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD EVER ACCEPT THE
PRESENT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, EVEN AS AN INITIAL
BARGAINING POSITION. WE SHOULD HAVE TO EXPLORE, THEREFORE,
THE POSSIBILITIES OF SOME EXTRA ELEMENT, PERHAPS OVER
VAROSHA, TO BE PUT FORWARD BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE
AS AN INDUCEMENT TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO ENTER INTO TH
THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AGAIN. ANOTHER ELEMENT TO BE
EXPLORED IS THE REINTRODUCTION OF GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS
AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION, ALTHOUGH WHEN I RAISED THIS
MATTER, KYPRIANOU IMMEDIATELY REFERRED TO THEIR OWN
PROPOSALS MADE IN VIENNA LAST YEAR. I BELIEVE THAT SOME
PREPARATORY ACTIVITY SUCH AS THIS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL
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BEFORE CONSIDERING FORMALLY RECONVENING THE INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS. PARA. NATURALLY, I WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN
YOUR OWN VIEWS AS TO THE SITUATION AND THE MEANS BY WHICH
WE CAN GET OUT OF THE PRESENT NEAR-STALEMATE. PARA. MY
MY VISIT TO LEBANON AND ISRAEL WAS AT THE SAME TIME
FASCINATING, USEFUL AND SOMEWHAT DISTURBING. I HAVE
ALREADY DISCUSSED IT AT SOME LENGTH WITH AMBASSADORS
YOUNG AND LEONARD, BUT WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK TO YOU PERSONALLY ABOUT IT AFTER YOUR RETURN TO
THE UNITED STATES. PARA. WITH WARMEST REGARDS, PARA
YOURS SINCERELY, KURT WALDHEIM. LETTER IS DATED
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